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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 2:11 PM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored); PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored); srparnell@alaska.com
Subject: Fw: Deliberative process budget

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 23:09:20

To: "Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Deliberative process budget

Truely, this is a great message. I dont mean for my edits to diminish the message - you done good! Im just appalled at them trying to drag us into deal-making. Who has time for such nonsense? It's injustice and unfair to Alaskans, too.

Cant believe they cut the coorosion suit dollars.

~~Nor fish and game. We'll live with what they provide us, but they must MUST justify to Alaskans! And they must put their expenses on-line along with admins!~~

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Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 09:40:54

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: Deliberative process budget

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Im asking the LtGov to chime in also- he has good questions re: Privileged or Personal Mat
still?

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From: Privileged or Personal Mat

Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 21:52:57

To: "Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: Deliberative process budget

Thanks for asking. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

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Sean

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 19:11:25

To: Privileged or Personal Material Sean Parnell <SR_Parnell@gov.state.ak.us>, Sean Personal <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 12:27 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: FW: Scanned from IM6530Exec [E-Mail_Recipients] - Eagle Road Improvements / Dust Control Project

Governor:

Commissioner Von Scheben has provided the funding numbers for the road improvement project in Eagle. Denali Commission is funding 90%. DOT is funding \$117,000 out of the overall \$1.3 million dollar cost of the project

Randy

From: Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 12:23 PM
To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Subject: RE: Scanned from IM6530Exec [E-Mail_Recipients]

Randy the numbers are \$1,182,000 denali commission and \$117,000 DOT. Denali commission is funding 90%. I will check with Steve Titus on further support. LEO

From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Sent: Sat 2/23/2008 1:30 PM
To: ExternalEmailgsp; Von Scheben, Leo (DOT)
Subject: FW: Scanned from IM6530Exec [E-Mail_Recipients]

Governor / Commissioner Von Scheben:

The Governor's Office received a letter from the Mayor of Eagle and 4 of the 6 city council members. (Attached) The letter reaffirms their support for the road improvements which includes the dust control work. The letter also says the Council has polled and found a majority of the residents of Eagle are in favor of the going ahead with the project. The news coverage on the issue seems to have greatly exaggerated the level of opposition to the project.

I believe the Denali Commission (which is funding 70-80% of the work) would like to go ahead with the project.

Commissioner. Are there further steps to gauge local support that you would like DOT to take before moving ahead?

Randy

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From: Your Name [mailto:your_email@here.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 1:44 PM
To: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)
Subject: Scanned from IM6530Exec [E-Mail_Recipients]

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From: Leschper, Beth (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MCLESCHPER]
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2008 4:10 PM
To: Governor Palin; govpalin@alaska.gov
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Hoover Details

IN YOUR REMARKS: Please add thanks to the Hoover Institute Director, Dr. John Raisian (RAY-ZEE-UN).

Details for Hoover Institute on Tuesday

Onsite Contact

Noel Kolak
202-572-3926
505-660-8624 (cell)

Willard Hotel (Across the Street from the JW Marriott)
202- 628 9100

Location

Willard Hotel – meet in the main lobby (1401 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Please note that there is a second, back lobby off of F Street).

Time

Arrive no later than 12:45 p.m. for a 1-1:45 p.m. appearance that will include your remarks and Q&A.

You will be met in the lobby by Hoover Director Dr. Raisian and his companion Dr. Claudia Morgan. A Hoover Institute photographer will be with them. They will escort you to the Ballroom.

Hoover Chair Peter Bedford will introduce you.

Someone will mic you and there will be a podium with a microphone.

For the Q&A, Hoover staff will bring a mic to the audience so you will be able to hear the questions clearly.

Chairman Bedford will be the emcee and will cut off questions at 1:45 p.m.

8/26/2009

He will present you with a Hoover Institute pen.

There is one other woman on the program – but she will be on MONDAY (the day before you), BUT is supposed to be in the audience. Her name is Dr. Kori Shakey she is another up-and-coming leader, from the U.S. Dept of State and a National Security Adviser.

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Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 8:22 AM
To: John Katz
Subject: Re: Message for Governor Palin

Also for dillion- speaking with DOT folks incl hearing from Secretary on earmarks- she wants them eliminated and Ak is on right track w earmark reform support

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 08:43:47

To: <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, <HamelChuck@cs.com>

Subject: Re: Message for Governor Palin

Chuck, per your request, I will distribute your letter to Congressman Dingell to the appropriate State people. Thanks for letting us know.

>>> On 2/24/2008 at 5:20 PM, in message <c0f.1f1c062b.34f347a4@cs.com>, <HamelChuck@cs.com> wrote:

Dear Governor:

I missed meeting with you during your visit last November.

Hope you may squeeze me into your schedule this week.

I regret the embarrassment that may emanate for your

Administration by Commissioner Irwin's improperly

researched letter to Chairmen Dingell and Rahall.

Another Congressional release on BP gross negligence in Prudhoe operations soon will identify gross, 'inept', oversight by regulators ADNR, PSIO, AKOSH, and the Fire Marshall.

If you don't halt Reconfiguration of Pump Station #3 promptly
90 % of Alaska's annual revenue may be in peril. You publicly
stated that NO PUMP #3 CONSTRUCTION WOULD PROCEED
ON YOUR STATE LAND until Pump #9 is operating properly and
safely. Pump #9 has serious 'identified' problems which could cause
disruption of the oil flow through the TAPS this winter.

As I told you on the phone last year, I have a plan for your
oversight (along with the BP shareholders) to protect your
interests (beyond your regulators) without any expense for
the State.

Chuck Hamel 703-549-0515

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To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Subject: Fw: PSIO

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From: "Slemons, Jonne D (DNR)" <jonne.slemons@alaska.gov>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 07:34:12

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: FW: Latest Hamel Letter

Re: Latest Hamel Letter

Trying again ---

From: Slemons, Jonne D (DNR)

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 7:30 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com ; Katz, John W (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Thompson, Mike (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Anders, Bruce F (DNR)

Cc: Persily, Larry A (GOV)

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Governor,

In answer to various issues raised in e-mails this morning:

1. Re a meeting with Chuck Hamel:

He lives and works in Alexandria, Virginia - just outside of Washington D.C. Privileged or Per
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2. TAPS/SR: Mr. Hamel's latest letter is focused entirely on the TAPS system, specifically the Strategic Reconfiguration (SR) project which has been in work for some time. Mike Thompson, State Pipeline Coordinator and engineer Louis Kozisek are completely familiar with both the TAPS and the SR project. The PSIO has therefore not been involved in the research or responses on these topics, but nonetheless I have reviewed and support the information in Commissioner Irwin's letter.

3. To clarify: Bruce references Tom Bewak below. Mr. Bewak has raised issues relative to pipe construction at Milne Pt., which the PSIO has investigated. That investigation is concluded, and the final report will be posted shortly. [It has no relation to the issues raised by Chuck Hamel relative to the TAPS/SR project.]

4. Budget Request for four PSIO positions: The PSIO has been performing investigations and looking into allegations of problems relative to the soundness of our oil and gas systems since Day 1. We've been doing this work conscientiously, but not in the robust manner that we would like. Frankly, we are hard-pressed, with current staffing, to address these issues -- and have done so at the expense of overall program development. Should an emergency occur, or huge system integrity issue come to our attention, it would be very difficult for the PSIO to respond adequately. I appreciate your support for these positions, and hope that the final budget decisions will fund them.

I'm happy to answer any further questions -- My cell is Privileged or P

Jonne Slemons

Petroleum Systems Integrity Office Coordinator

Division of Oil and Gas

Alaska Department of Natural Resources

550 W. 7th Ave., Ste. 800

Anchorage, AK 99501

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To: Katz, John W (GOV); Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Slemons, Jonne D (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Thompson, Mike (DNR); Irwin, Tom E (DNR)

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Cc: Larry Persily
Subject: Re: Latest Hamel Letter

I want him to help me pressure leggiea to get PSIO positiona back in my budget. Thanka-
let me know what else i should speak to him about.

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If you are interested, we could contact him and try to set something up at the JW Marriott.

Regarding your question concerning new developments, I think Chuck's basic contention is that the State's regulators are unaware of several relevant circumstances, as reported by Chuck's network of workers. The attached letter to Congress seems to be a combination of situations where he alleges that the State has misunderstood the consequences of certain events or was unaware of them.

Senator Stevens has asked me to meet with him this morning on earmarking policy and perhaps other issues. So, Larry and I will be out of the office for a while beginning at 10:30. If you want to meet with Chuck, Bre can help arrange a mutually convenient time.

Sam and I talked about events over the weekend. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
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These sentiments should be in a presser - the legislature is tearing the rug out of my efforts to prove our ability and commitment to the oversight that's needed before anyone can trust that ramped-up development of our resources should happen.

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Subject: RE: PSIO

100% concur. Jonne was not asked ONE question to justify the added staff that are NEEDED to complete the mission that folks currently expect PSIO to perform.

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Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Irwin, Tom E (DNR); Rutherford, Marty K (DNR); Slemons, Jonne D (DNR); Anders, Bruce F (DNR); Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

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To: John Katz
Cc: Sam Bishop
Subject: Re: Robert Dillon/Secretary Kempthorne

Spoke about Off Shore leases, relieving fears of coastal communities re: potential impacts... specifically Chukchi Sea leases.

Off Shore revenue shares that he supports for AK.

Perhaps it'll be a matter of weeks until polar bear listing is settled. They don't have much time before lawsuit kicks in... we'll live w their decision, hope it's not listed... need to know tho so we can deal with potential impacts asap.

Btw, sat with Cheney for entire State dinner last night. Talked all about gasline and relationships with industry.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 09:51:48

To: "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Sam Bishop" <sbishop@ALASKADC.org>

Subject: Robert Dillon/Secretary Kempthorne

Robert Dillon just called to find out what transpired in the Governors' meeting with Secretary Kempthorne. I told him that we don't know but said that I would inquire about whether there is anything you want to say. Please let me know if you want to communicate something directly or want me to do so.

Incidentally, I thought his story today concerning his interview with you was quite good.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 5:12 AM
To: Bruce Anders; Joe Balash; Jonne D (DNR) Slemons; Marty Rutherford; Mike (DNR) Thompson; Tom Irwin; John Katz
Cc: Larry Persily
Subject: Re: Latest Hamel Letter

I cant open his letter on blkberry, could u cut and paste it? Is Hamel here in DC?
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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 08:51:33

To: "Bruce F (DNR) Anders" <bruce.anders@alaska.gov>, "Joe Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>, "Jonne D (DNR) Slemons" <jonne.slemons@alaska.gov>, "Marty Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, "Mike (DNR) Thompson" <mike.thompson@alaska.gov>, "Tom Irwin" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>
Cc: "Larry Persily" <lpersily@ALASKADC.org>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
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Per Chuck Hamel's request, I have attached his latest correspondence to Congressmen Dingell and Rahall seeking to rebut Commissioner Irwin's earlier letter to the House Energy Committee.

I would be glad to discuss whether we should respond, and, if so, how.

P.S.

Governor, in a voice msil message, Mr. Hamel expressed his desire to meet with you during your DC trip.

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 5:11 AM
To: John Katz
Cc: jonne.siemons; Marty Rutherford; Mike Tibbles; Tom Irwin
Subject: Re: Message for Governor Palin

Thanks. Is he saying there's new developments on pipeline that we're not yet aware of? And is he requesting a meeting with me? If so, i haven't received the invite.

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 08:43:47

To: <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>, <HamelChuck@cs.com>

Subject: Re: Message for Governor Palin

Chuck, per your request, I will distribute your letter to Congressman Dingell to the appropriate State people. Thanks for letting us know.

>>> On 2/24/2008 at 5:20 PM, in message <c0f1f1c062b.34f347a4@cs.com>, <HamelChuck@cs.com> wrote:

Dear Governor:

I missed meeting with you during your visit last November.

Hope you may squeeze me into your schedule this week.

I regret the embarrassment that may emanate for your

Administration by Commissioner Irwin's improperly

researched letter to Chairmen Dingell and Rahall.

Another Congressional release on BP gross negligence in Prudhoe

operations soon will identify gross, 'inept', oversight by regulators

ADNR, PSIO, AKOSH, and the Fire Marshall.

If you don't halt Reconfiguration of Pump Station #3 promptly
90 % of Alaska's annual revenue may be in peril. You publicly
stated that NO PUMP #3 CONSTRUCTION WOULD PROCEED
ON YOUR STATE LAND until Pump #9 is operating properly and
safely. Pump #9 has serious 'identified' problems which could cause
disruption of the oil flow through the TAPS this winter.

As I told you on the phone last year, I have a plan for your
oversight (along with the BP shareholders) to protect your
interests (beyond your regulators) without any expense for
the State.

Chuck Hamel 703-549-0515

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From: Bob Martin [bob.martin@Goldbelt.com]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 12:09 PM
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Best regards,

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Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 17:39:37 -0900

From: Nels and Dorothy <andora@nushtel.net>

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Organization: Co-Man Services

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To: Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Senator_Lyman_Hoffman@legis.state.ak.us>, Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Representative_Bryce_Edgmon@legis.state.ak.us>
CC: Governor Palin <Governor@gov.state.ak.us>, "Lt. Governor Parnell" <Sean_Parnell@gov.state.ak.us>, Commissioner Emil Notti <Emil_Notti@commerce.state.ak.us>, Commissioner Tom Irwin <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>, "Dep. Commissioner Marty Rutherford" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>, Greta Goto <smokd_salmon@hotmail.com>, Ev <everette.anderson@yahoo.com>
References: <47BF23DD.5070501@nushtel.net>

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I am asking you to consider expanding that study to make it a State-Wide Energy Grid Authority Study to connect all of our communities across the state. If Alaska is going to ever develop its communities across the state, we all have to be connected to a state-wide energy grid to ensure a reliable, affordable, and long-term source of energy

As the Railbelt utilities are economically regulated by the RCA, any interconnection would need to be approved by the RCA. There would need to be an agreement between all utilities providing power and state-wide utilities purchasing the power on rates and availability. This would need to be approved by the RCA as well.

One comment: now that Susitna Dam is under consideration again, any plans for a transmission line to SW Alaska should be a consideration in the sizing of the Susitna project.

In addition, with the prospect of a geothermal project being proposed by the Naknek Electric Association, Bristol Bay could be providing clean energy to the Railbelt and the rest of the state IF we are connected to the Railbelt Energy Grid and/or a State-Wide Energy Grid.

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Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 10:42 AM

To: ExternalEmailgsp; Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Cc: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)

Subject: NBC

NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams is interested in a one-on-one interview with you about Exxon Valdez.

I suggested right after tomorrow's Exxon Valdez news conference.

It would be 10- 15 minutes.

If you would like to do this, Sharon can give the producer a call and make the arrangements.

Beth

Sharon:

Mika Kosnar

202-309-8578

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Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 3:22 PM
To: ExternalEmailgsp; Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Fox Bus News Info

Here is some information about the Fox Business News Interview on Tuesday.
Janice has put the logistical information on your calendar.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 @ 2:30 p.m.

Interview with Fox Business Network (5-10 minutes) about Exxon Valdez, oil & gas,
Alaska economy

- **Anchor Liz Claman**



Liz Claman joined FOX Business Network (FBN) as an anchor in October 2007. Her debut included an exclusive interview with Berkshire Hathaway CEO and legendary investor Warren Buffett.

- **Anchor David Asman**



David Asman joined FOX Business Network as an anchor in September 2007. He also serves as host of Forbes on Fox, a weekend half-hour program on FOX News Channel that offers an informative look at the week in business.

Interview Location

Fox News Channel Studios

400 North Capital St., Suite 550

About 2 miles from the Willard where you'll be for the Hoover speech and CNN interview (1401 Pennsylvania Avenue NW).

Fox Contacts

DC: Mary Kreinbihl
202-715-1687
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212-601-2399
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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 10:02 AM

To: David-----Mikell

Subject: RE: Head Start funding

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: David-----Mikell [mailto:alaskamd@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2008 10:34 AM

To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)

Subject: Head Start funding

Dear Governor Palin --

Thank you so much for increasing the funding for Head Start, a truly deserving and worthwhile program with both immediate and long range benefits for both children and parents. I am so frustrated that the increase was cut by Kevin Meyer, and I hope you will continue to work for putting the money back into Head Start.

Sincerely,
Mikell Murphy, EdD

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From: Earle Ausman [earle@polarconsult.net]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 2:14 PM
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Subject: Re: Connecting Bristol Bay to the Rallbelt Energy Grid and Constructing an Alaska State-Wide Energy Grid

Hi Bob et al:

We certainly agree with your comments that Rural Alaska has a transportation problem which causes energy to be very expensive. We are currently developing the technology and systems to provide a much lower cost system of intertieing energy resources and rural communities together using a special single wire Direct Current system. We have been funded by the Denali Commission for Phase I of this project and since receiving good reports from our key Inverter technology supplier, we can now request Phase II funding. This Phase consists of building equipment and the special transmission system and testing to verify designs. Phase III of the project will be a 25 mile interconnection between Mt. Village and St. Marys.

It may be of interest to you that a HVDC powerline from the North Slope to Fairbanks and beyond can transport the electricity made from natural gas at a lower price than a gas pipeline. As a result, the bullet pipeline will not be required if its major purpose is to provide gas to generate electricity. Suppose the main gas line is delayed or not built at all and the base value of the Prudhoe gas is set by its being stranded. A generation plant built on the North Slope will have the following advantages. A gas conditioning plant to remove the CO2 from the gas is not needed as gas with CO2 can be used directly in a gas turbine plant. Turbines are more efficient and can generate more electricity because of the lower ambient temperature of the Slope. Exhaust CO2 gas can be sequestered back into the field and used to extract more oil. There will be no carbon tax on this plant. The DC power line can have branches into the central Alaska's river systems and connect to regional lower voltage single wire DC grids such as we are developing. It is potentially feasible for electricity to be so inexpensive as to be used for heat in buildings, and perhaps to provide fuel for vehicles and boats as hydrogen.

Distributed generation sources are more robust than a single source. It is easy to envision many rural resources and systems feeding into a large Alaskan grid. The current requirements point toward using gas for the long term the use of renewables distributed over a grid will allow Alaska to emulate Norway that generates 95% of its electricity with hydro.

If I can answer questions please contact me.

Earle Ausman, P.E., President Polarconsult Alaska Inc.
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I am asking you to consider expanding that study to make it a State-Wide Energy Grid Authority Study to connect all of our communities across the state. If Alaska is going to ever develop its communities across the state, we all have to be connected to a state-wide energy grid to ensure a reliable, affordable, and long-term source of energy.

As the Railbelt utilities are economically regulated by the RCA, any interconnection would need to be approved by the RCA. There would need to be an agreement between all utilities providing power and state-wide utilities purchasing the power on rates and availability. This would need to be approved by the RCA as well.

One comment: now that Susitna Dam is under consideration again, any plans for a transmission line to SW Alaska should be a consideration in the sizing of the Susitna project.

In addition, with the prospect of a geothermal project being proposed by the Naknek Electric Association, Bristol Bay could be providing clean energy to the Railbelt and the rest of the state IF we are connected to the Railbelt Energy Grid and/or a State-Wide Energy Grid.

Thank you for your consideration.

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10/29/2009

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Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 7:30 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Katz; John W (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Thompson; Mike (DNR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Anders; Bruce F (DNR)
Cc: Perslly; Larry A (GOV)
Subject: RE: Latest Hamel Letter

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In answer to various issues raised in e-mails this morning:

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He lives and works in Alexandria, Virginia -- just outside of Washington D.C. Privileged or Personal

2. TAPS/SR: Mr. Hamel's latest letter is focused entirely on the TAPS system, specifically the Strategic Reconfiguration (SR) project which has been in work for some time. Mike Thompson, State Pipeline Coordinator and engineer Louis Kozisek are completely familiar with both the TAPS and the SR project. The PSIO has therefore not been involved in the research or responses on these topics, but nonetheless I have reviewed and support the information in Commissioner Irwin's letter.
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I'm happy to answer any further questions -- My cell is Privileged

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To: Yocom; Lauren J (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
Subject: Re: Press Release: Governor Palin Defends PSIO Funding

Thank you!

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Sent: Mon Feb 25 14:54:47 2008
Subject: Press Release: Governor Palin Defends PSIO Funding

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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No.

Governor Palin Defends PSIO Funding

February 25, 2008, Juneau, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin today strongly urged lawmakers to restore critical funding for the Petroleum Systems Integrity Office (PSIO), which exercises oversight of the maintenance of facilities, equipment and infrastructure for sustained production and transportation of oil and natural gas resources in Alaska.

The Governor issued the following statement from Washington D.C., at the National Governor's Association where she has been discussing how Alaska can, by developing its natural resources in an environmentally responsible manner, contribute to the nation's energy needs.

"I'm disappointed that House Finance subcommittee members removed \$523,000 in funding for PSIO from my budget. Facing the prospect of the largest construction project in North America, a natural gas pipeline, we must demonstrate to Alaskans and the nation that we provide sound oversight of the systems that are needed to develop our resources. I am hopeful the full Finance Committee will restore funding for critical PSIO positions needed to accomplish this mission."

The money would fund personnel for investigation of system integrity breaches and implementation of a statewide quality assurance program.

Governor Palin created the PSIO by Administrative Order. PSIO is an independent office in the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Oil and Gas, with specific responsibilities and authorities to coordinate the state's oversight and compliance functions with all other responsible agencies.

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Cc: Easton; Dan (DEC)
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From: "Hartig, Lawrence L (DEC)" <larry.hartig@alaska.gov>

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Thanks John.

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FYI, just finished marking up the PR re restoring PSIO funding, sent to Sharon/Beth/Russ

I'll be going dark for next 4 hours.

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